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Inmate Death at Parchman under Investigation

JACKSON – An inmate was found unconscious in his cell today at the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman.

Jasper Bell, 21, was pronounced dead at 12:03 p.m. at Unit 29, where he was housed alone.

Bell, #172919, was serving a 35-year sentence for multiple convictions in Hinds County. He was convicted of armed robbery, aggravated assault, possession of a weapon on educational property, residential burglary, strong armed robbery, and carjacking. His crimes were committed in 2010, and he was sentenced on Jan. 4, 2012.

A cause of death is pending an autopsy.

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